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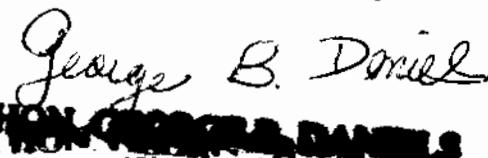
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The Honorable George B. Daniels
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
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SO ORDERED
~~HON. GEORGE B. DANIELS~~

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Re: *United States v. David Wilkins, et al., S1 07 Cr. 566 (GBD)*

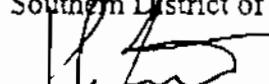
Dear Judge Daniels:

At the last pretrial conference in this matter on June 10, 2008, the Government informed the Court that it anticipates that only three defendants – David Wilkins, Terrence McGee, and Jamar Jones – may proceed to trial in this case. Because those defendants requested additional time to consider plea offers, the Court scheduled an additional pretrial conference for August 20, 2008, at 9:45 a.m., and advised the parties that a trial date would be scheduled at the August 20 conference for any defendants who do not plead guilty by that date. In addition, two other defendants, James Gilliard and Shanta Brown, were excused from the June 10 conference because the Government was in the final stages of plea discussions with them and expected each of them to plead guilty and not proceed to trial. Since the June 10 conference, the Government has concluded plea discussions with David Wilkins and Terrence McGee. On July 10, 2008, David Wilkins pled guilty. Terrence McGee is expected to plead guilty pursuant to a plea agreement at 10:00 a.m. on August 20. The Government is finalizing plea discussions with James Gilliard and Shanta Brown and expects each to plead guilty and not proceed to trial. The Government therefore respectfully requests that the Court excuse those defendants from the conference on Wednesday. As a result, the only defendant who would be present is Jamar Jones, who is the only defendant who may proceed to trial. Defense counsel for James Gilliard consents to this request. After several attempts, the Government has not been able to reach counsel for Shanta Brown to determine whether he consents to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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